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How to Find and Use Blind Spots

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Blind spots are quite easy to find and use if you know what you're doing. In this guide, I'll be talking about how to find blind spots, as well as how to use them correctly.

What is a blind spot? A blind spot (or blindspot) is an area in a store where one can't be spotted by cameras, and often times has little amounts of people in the area. Blind spots are often used to conceal merchandise, detag items or load up for a walkout. Blind spots can be extremely beneficial if you must conceal any amount of merchandise.

How do I find blind spots? Remember this one simple rule:

- *If you can see a camera, assume the camera can see you.*

Follow this rule to find blind spots. However, do not go around looking at the ceiling and looking at every camera, because if an employee happens to be watching the cameras or you, you're going to stand out and they are going to watch you very closely until you leave.

This doesn't mean you can't scan the ceiling however; if you must, scan it subtly. This means do not point your head directly at the ceiling (or wherever your cameras might be). Instead, move your eyes to look at the ceiling, or use your peripheral vision. If you must gain leverage to look for cameras, tilt your head slightly, just enough to be able to see, but not so much that you're staring at the ceiling.

If you can't find a blind spot in a store within a few minutes, it's not worth strolling the store for half an hour looking for an isolated corner of the store to conceal something that you could probably unsuspiciously pocket. ***Blind spots don't always have to be used.*** That being said, if you can't find one, then turn your back to any cameras, and just conceal or load up. You're essentially creating a blind spot. But if you're concealing or loading up high amounts of items, this shouldn't be attempted unless you can guarantee you have a 10 second window *per item*.

In the unlikely event your store has no cameras then your entire store will act as a blind spot. See below.

How do I use blind spots? If you've managed to find a spot where you can't see any cameras, that's good. Now the only thing that can possibly spot you is other people.

If there's people in your spot, you're going to want to wait until they leave, assuming you have merchandise in your hand or cart. You can act like a regular shopper there, or leave until they're gone. If you choose to leave the aisle, you may be able to find another spot, but customers should be out of your spot within a few minutes, so it may not be worth it. Be cautious around everybody, and assume any person could report you or try being the good guy and stop you, especially if it's an employee.

If your spot is clear of people, and you *know* that you can't see any cameras, this would be your prime opportunity to start concealing, detagging, or loading up for a walkout; you just need to be very aware of anyone coming towards or into your aisle, and stop what you're doing if you feel like or know someone is coming.